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SUBJECT: GOS POSITION ON MOVES TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM UNGA

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1. SUMMARY: GOSL FONOFF RESPONSES TO BOTH EMBASSY AND BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION REPRESENTATIONS ON ISSUE OF THREAT TO SUSPEND ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN UNGA GIVE PROMISE OF FIRM GOSL SUPPORT ON ISSUE IN ALL INTERNATIONAL FORA. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ABSENCE FONMIN AND FONOFF PERMSEC AT KAMPALA OAU MEETINGS, DCM MADE REPRESENTATION URGED BY REF A TO ACTING PERMSEC MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CHARLES WYSE JULY 21. DCM AT SAME TIME PROVIDED WYSE WITH WIRELESS FILE TEXT OF SECRETARY'S JULY 14 SPEECH, WHICH WYSE HAD SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED PREVIOUS DAY. WYSE VERY RECEPTIVE AND UNDERTOOK TAKE MATTER UP IMMEDIATELY WITH ACTING FONMIN WILLIAMS WITH VIEW TO OBTAINING POLICY DECISION FROM PRESIDENT STEVENS. IN PERSONAL VEIN WYSE, WHOSE REGULAR SUBSTANTIVE

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POSITION IS CHIEF, FONOFF INTERNATIONAL DIVISION

(I.E., UN, OAU AND SIMILAR IO AFFAIRS) STATED MOVE TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM UNGA "MAKES NO SENSE AT ALL TO ME" AND INDICATED HE BELIEVED SUCH AN EFFORT WAS A CORRUPTION OF UN SYSTEM.

3. SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH EMBASSY'S SUBSEQUENT RECEIPT OF REFTEL B, UK HIGH COMMISSIONER WATT RECEIVED SIMILAR INSTRUCTIONS. GIVEN RESPONSE BY WYSE ABOVE AND ABSENCE FONMIN MINAH AND PERMSEC IN KAMPALA, WE JOINTLY AGREED THAT WATT SHOULD TAKE NEXT STEP. WATT CALLED ON ACTING FONMIN WILLIAMS JULY 23 AND PRESENTED POSITION. WILLIAMS SAID THAT CABINET HAD DISCUSSED ISSUE LAST WEEK AND HAD SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO MINAH THAT GOSL SHOULD NOT SUPPORT ANY RESOLUTION CONCERNING REMOVING ISRAEL FROM UN. WATT UNCLEAR WHETHER INSTRUCTIONS ALSO INCLUDED RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTIVE DISCOURAGEMENT ANY SUCH RESOLUTION FROM BEING DRAFTED. PRESIDENT STEVENS CONCERNED ABOUT FUTURE OF UN AND ABOUT THREAT POSED BY EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL. WILLIAMS SAID GOSL VERY AWARE OF US POSITION, AS MADE CLEAR IN RECENT REMARKS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT HAVE BEEN READ SERIOUSLY IN GOSL AND IN SPEECH LAST YEAR AT END OF UNGA BY AMB SCALI THAT WILLIAMS, AS MEMBER GOSL DELEGATION, HEARD HIMSELF. GOSL WAS FIRM IN THEIR POSITION AND WOULD FOLLOW SAME LINE AT NONALIGNED CONFERENCE IN LIMA.

4. WE SHALL NOT RAISE MATTER FURTHER UNTIL AFTER FONMIN RETURNS FROM KAMPALA AT WHICH TIME WE SHALL ASSESS GOSL AND OAU ACTIONS AND RAISE MATTER WITH FONMIN AND OTHERS IN GOSL AS APPROPRIATE. SAMUELS

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